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1. DEPARTMENT STILL TRYING TO ARRANGE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATION AT MARCH 13-14 REVIEW OF NZ TRADE POLICY. MISSION WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS WE HAVE DEFINITE DECISION.

IN ADDITION TO QUESTIONS ALREADY SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT, US DEL WILL WANT TO RAISE THE FOLLOWING DURING REVIEW.
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A. WHAT MEANS ARE BEING USED TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GROWTH OF KEY ENGINEERING, CHEMICAL, AND ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES REFERRED TO IN ITEM 36 SEC NOTE. HAVE THESE EFFORTS HAD AN IMPACT ON NZ FOREIGN TRADE IN THESE PRODUCTS?

B. DOES NZ PLAN TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN TRADE POLICY IN VIEW OF THE RECENT LARGE INCREASES IN IMPORTS?

C. HOW SUCCESSFUL HAS NZ BEEN IN EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING ITS MANUFACTURED GOODS AND TO WHAT EXTENT IS THIS ATTRIBUTABLE TO TRADE POLICY. WHAT PERCENTAGE DOES IT ENVISAGE MANUFACTURED GOODS WILL HAVE IN THE OVERALL COMPOSITION OF FUTURE EXPORTS AND WHAT IMPLICATIONS WILL THIS HAVE FOR TRADE POLICY.

D. SEC NOTE (TFD/TD/818) ITEM 22 REFERS TO "IMPORT SUBSIDIES" FOR PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THESE SUBSIDIES AND HOW ARE THEY BEING IMPLEMENTED?

E. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF NZ LONGTERM REVIEW OF ITS CUSTOMS TARIFF IS NOW FINISHED AND WHEN DOES NZ EXPECT TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW.

F. WHAT CRITERIA ARE USED TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORIES GOODS FALL INTO FOR IMPORT LICENSING PURPOSES, THAT IS, WHETHER ITEMS ARE CLASSIFIED "E", "C", OR "BASIC". WE NOTE THAT IN RECENT YEARS THE PERCENTAGE OF GOODS COVERED BY IMPORT LICENSING HAS DECREASED, IN PART DUE TO CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM ITSELF. TO WHAT EXTENT WILL LICENSING CONTROLS BE MAINTAINED AS A PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY? ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO PHASE OUT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS?

G. HOW SUCCESSFUL HAS NZ BEEN IN (A) NEGOTIATING CONTINUED PREFERENTIAL ACCESS FOR BUTTER AND CHEESE IN EC AFTER 1977 AND (B) IMPROVED ACCESS FOR LAMB AND MUTTON.

H. DOES NZ PLAN TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE MTN?

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3. ON JANUARY 24, 1975, TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN THE FARM SECTOR, THE GNZ ADOPTED PRICE STABILIZATION PROPOSALS ENTAILING DIRECT GRANTS OF NZ \$15 MILLION FOR WOOL AND NZ \$35 MILLION FOR LAMB. THE GRANTS ARE REPORTEDLY NEITHER REPAYABLE NOR INTEREST BEARING. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A REPORT (BY THE "ZANETTI COMMITTEE") ON LONGTERM AGRICULTURAL INCOME STABILIZATION IS DUE IN FEBRUARY. HOW DO THESE MEASURES FIT IN WITH PRESENT PRICE STABILI-

ZATION SCHEMES OF THE NZ MEAT PRODUCERS BOARD (NZMPB)
AND THE WOOL MARKETING CORPORATION?

4. WE UNDERSTAND THE NZ MPB HAS INITIATED A PROGRAM FOR
PURCHASING BEEF AND SHEEPMEATS FROM SLAUGHTER HOUSES FOR
SALES IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS MARKETS. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE A CLARIFICATION OF THIS PLAN. HOW WILL THE
NZMPB FINANCE PURCHASES? IF NZMPB RESERVES ARE EXHAUSTED,
WILL GOVERNMENT FUNDING COME INTO PLAY? KISSINGER

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